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**Readers Guide**

**Virginia’s Courts Ch. 11, sec.4 p.310-313**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 1. Four levels of Virginia’s courts

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 2. The authority to hear a case

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 3. Major violations of the law, punishable by time in prison

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 4. Circuit courts are the only Virginia courts that use these to decide cases

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 5. Minor crimes punishable with no more than a $2500 fine or a year in jail

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 6. Juvenile and Domestic relations court hears cases involving people of this age

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 7. The Virginia Supreme Court has this many Justices

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 8. They choose all Virginia judges and justices

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 9. They are appointed by Chief Circuit Court judges for four year terms

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 10. Their job is to look into bad behavior by judges

**Part II. Short answer**

11. They apply Virginia laws and interpret the Virginia Constitution.

12. How could the Virginia Supreme Court act as a check on the other branches of government?

13. What two courts are included as a part of the District court level?

14. It is the highest court in the state.

15. These are the main trial courts in Virginia.

16. Which level of court hears traffic cases?

17. Give (3) examples of criminal cases that often wind up in Juvenile and Domestic Relations court.

18. They are the “gatekeepers” of the judicial system, deciding probable cause ,issuing warrants, and holding bail hearings?